


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
SEASON





You still have that old guitar, Sonny?

You kiddin'? This baby's my prized possession!

Ya didn't think that way when you were little.

That's 'cuz I didn't know the awesome power of Rock yet, Unc!



Hey, Sal, ya gonna just stargaze all night
or are ya gonna have some fun?



Oh!
Sorry, I guess...
I got a little lost in thought...

Do tell.

It's just...
hard for me to believe it's really over.

Robotnik's gone,
Doomsday's been neutralized...

we can finally reclaim Mobotropolis...

I guess I'm just...
trying to wrap my head around it all.

Ditto.

Still...

It's real,
so what say we celebrate it while we can?

Hm. Good advice.


Don't think that means
you're excused from helping us clean up
when the party's over, though.

snap

Dam it!

hahahahahaha






Blasted Freedom Fighters...

I finally have my chance to run this city right,
and they have to go and ruin it!


SLAM

Still...

I'm sure they'll be here soon to pick up the pieces
my 'dearly' departed Uncle Julian left behind,
and when they do...

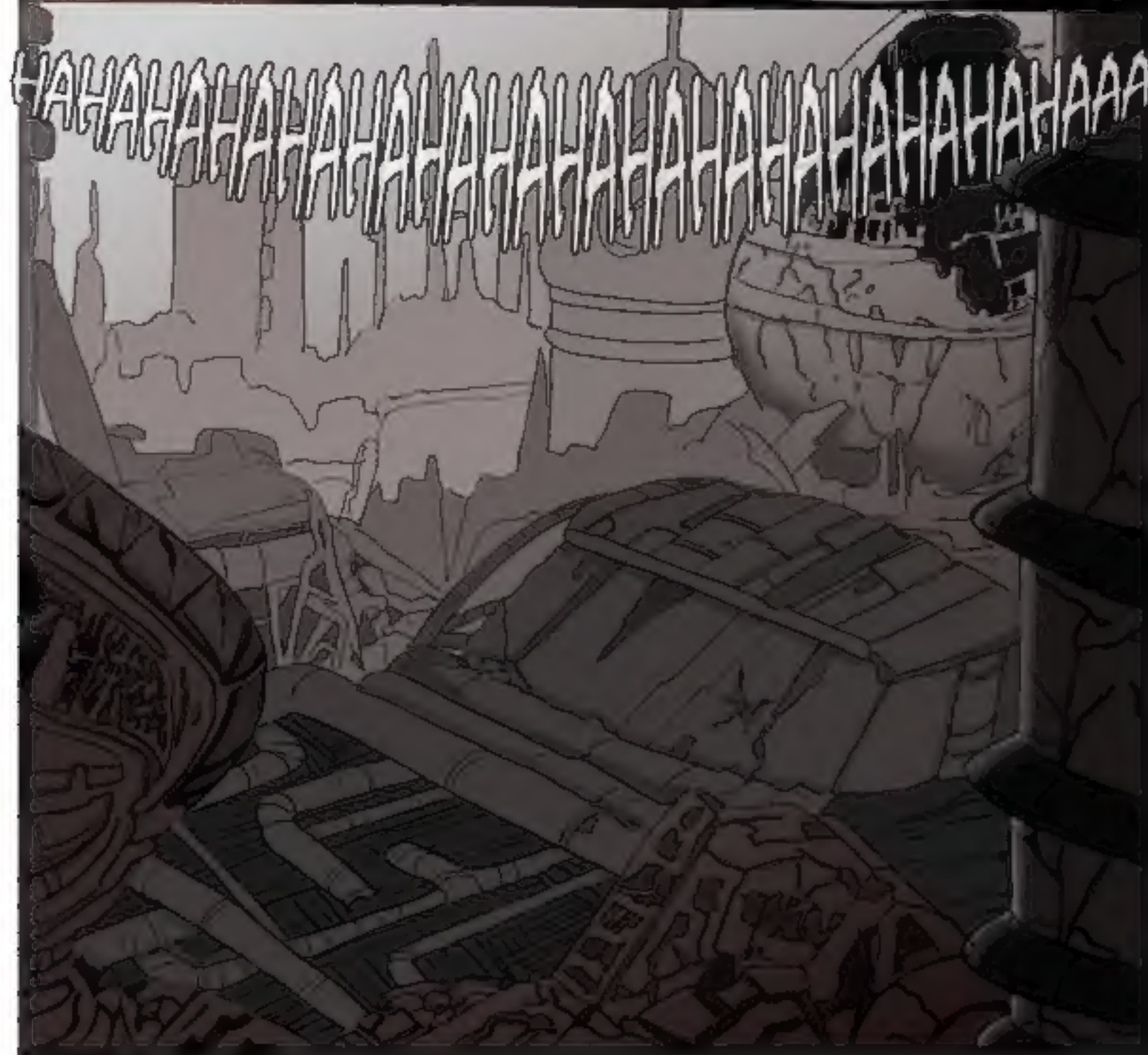


I'll have a little surprise waiting for them.



Just think...

we'll succeed where Julian never could,
and stamp out those vermin once and for all!



OK, people,
we've got a lot of work ahead of us now.

Fixing the mess Robotnik's stuck us with
won't be easy, but I know we can do it.

So what's the plan, Sal?

We start simple, Sonic.

You, me, and Bunnie will go into the city
to get a feel for its current condition.

In the mean time, Rotor,
I want you to work with Sir Charles
and start working on schematics for New Mobotropolis.

Can do, Sally.

And...what of me, my Princess?

You'll be sharing watch duty
with Tails for now, Antoine.
Robotnik may be gone, but his machines aren't,
and there's still a chance some of them
are operating on their original programming.

Good.

Then we'll make sure none of them
get anywhere near Knothole!

That's all for now, so let's get moving!

You two ready to do it to it?

You bet, Sugah-'Hog.
Though I gotta admit,
it's weird t' see this place so quiet...

I know what you mean.
It's like a ghost town...

Well, no use standin' around 'n' givin'
ourselves the willies.
Let's get movin'.

You got it, Sal.

Right. We'll split up, but keep in touch;
we don't know what dangers
are still lurkin' around the city.

Juice 'n' Jam time!





Man, I knew this place'd be cooler with Robotnik gone, but this's downright *creepy*...

BEEP

Yo, Sonic here. What's up?

BEEP



BEEP

BEEP



Um...what is it, Sal?



I can't describe it. You have to see it for yourself. Meet me at SWATBot factory X-19.

Sonic, head to the Factory District right away. There's something here I need you to see.

OK, Sal, be there in a Sonic second!



SAL! WHERE ARE YA?

Crud...either Sal wandered off
while I was on the way, or this's a...

...trap.

clap clap clap clap clap clap

Hm hm...well done, pincushion!

Too bad you couldn't figure it out a bit...

faster

Ugh. Snifley
Shoulda known you'd step
up for ol' Uncle Tubby

Look, d'you mind?

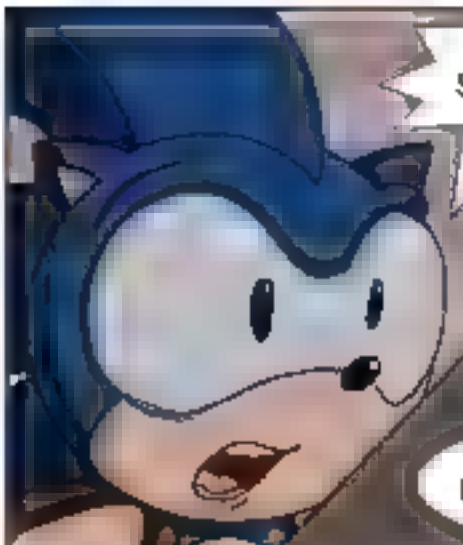
I'm kinda busy here 'n' i don't
wanna stay in this dump too long,
so why don't you just call your Scrap Squad
off 'n spare us both the headache, huh?

'Cuz either way this'll end up the same.


Do not confuse me with Julian, rodent!
I'm not interested in playing games
or pulling punches.

Just getting results.

snap




Sal! Bunnie! You two OK?



I'm sorry, Sonic,
I tried to stop it, but the words just...
came out of me...

Wait, that was really you
on the communicator?



Pay attention to me, brat, if you want
your friends to end the day still alive



Yeah, yeah, keep your cool, Needle-nose!

Hmph! We'll see how cocky you are when you're in a Holding Cell
waiting for interrogation!

Later.

Dagnabbit, how'd we get into this mess?
When Sally signaled me t'the Factory.
I thought somethin' was a little fishy,
but we got hosed!

I'm sorry...
this is all my fault.

Don't go blamin' yourself, Sal.
that's not gonna get us anywhere

But I'm the reason you two
got caught!

If I'd been stronger...
If I'd focused more
I could've stopped myself.

Don't worry about it,
Sal. Snivley musta
drugged you or somethin'
when your back was turned.

Trust me. I know how
that little weasel likes to
mess with your head

There was nothing
you coulda done..

wish I could believe that, Sonic...
but I don't think it was a drug that
made me call you two..

PRIORITY ONE HEDGEHOG
MASTER ROBOTNIK IS READY
TO INTERROGATE YOU NOW

INCORRECT
MASTER ROBOTNIK IS READY
TO INTERROGATE YOU NOW,
PRIORITY ONE HEDGEHOG

Hmm

Robotnik?
Y'all mean Snivley.
don'tcha?

CLANK

Sonic!

Don't worry Sal. 'll be OK!
You two just figure out
a way t'get outta here.

I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT, SAL!

SLAM



Hey there Sheriff!
What am I in for?

As I said before, hedgehog,
I've no patience for your witticisms
I want information,
and you're going to give it to me.



Do. Your Worst.



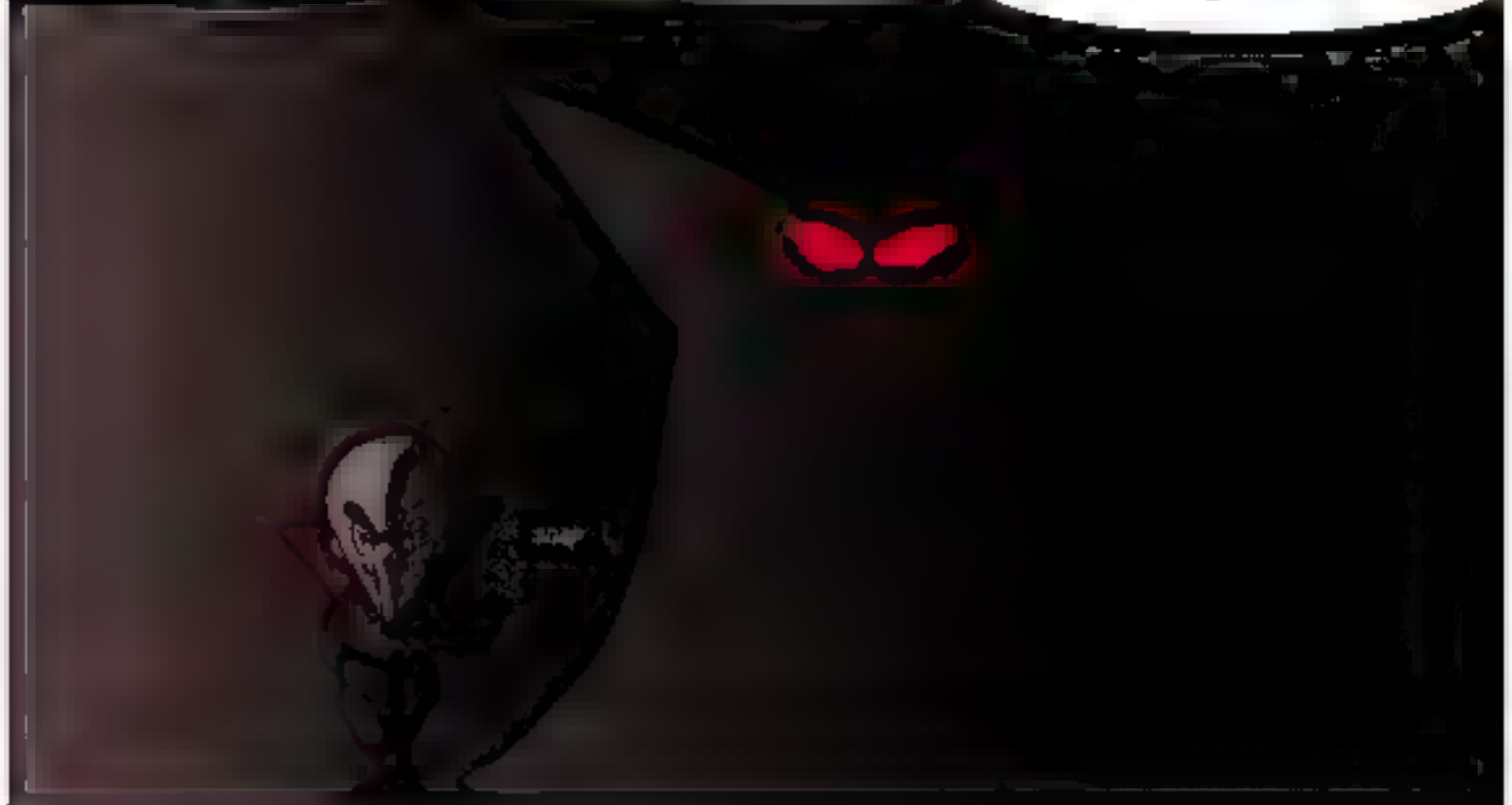
I intend to, and you'd best
be careful what you wish for

My "worst" makes Julian look like
a picnic on a sunny day!



You see, if I wanted, I could
torture your friends instead of you
but then you might lie.

So instead,
I'll use something a bit more surefire





Naugus...

Ah, so you remember me,
eh, Quickster?

Hm hm hm...

good.

So that's how you got Sai
to lure me 'n' Bunnie into a trap!

My powers of persuasion are as strong
here as they are in The Void, Quickster

But I don't get it.
You CAN'T leave The Void,
not without turnin' to crystal!

Cerberus McHornhead used his magic
to make her do it!

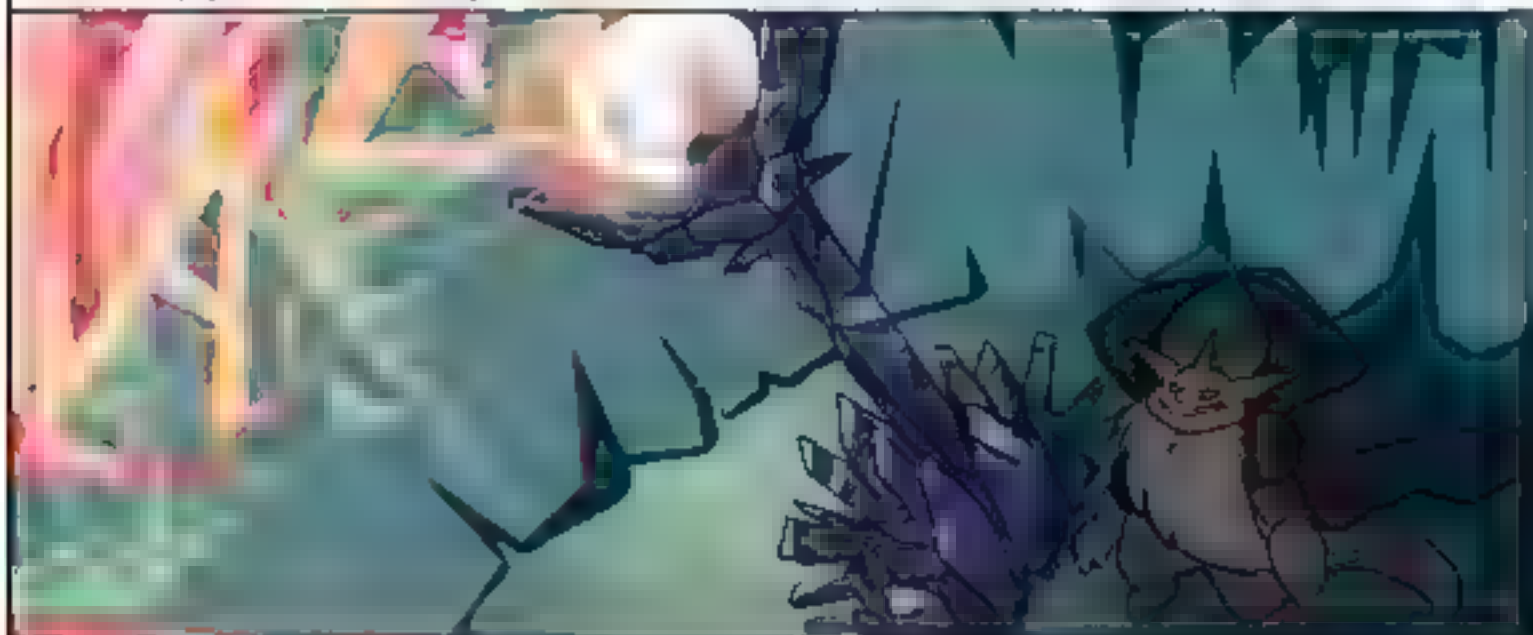
True...
but fate intervened on my behalf.

When the Doomsday Device was destroyed, it released powerful waves of energy all over Mobius...



energy that reached even into The Void!

That energy solved the problem that had kept me from escaping before for you see I had learned that it was in fact the physical act of crossing dimensions that caused the crystallization of my body to occur!



By using the power of Sanctuary to harness Doomsday's energy waves, I was able to activate a spell that teleported me directly out of the Void, bypassing the physical cross that had so frustrated my previous grasp at freedom.

Enough reminiscing, Naugus, get on with it!

Do not presume to...

Remember our deal, Naugus

Looks like Needlnose has you licked, Bat-Ears

Your quick tongue won't save you this time, Quickstar!

Now...



...you obey me.

Obey. You.

Yesssssss...

Excellent, EXCELLENT!

Now we can pick this hedgehog's so-called brain for all the information we need!

Whatever you wish to know, runt, find out quickly!

My magic is not as strong away from Sanctuary. I can't hold the Mind Control spell indefinitely!

Hm...first I'd best discover what happened to those Power Stones. They could prove quite the threat.

Rotor believes some of their energy is still inside us both, but not enough for either of us to use.

Tell me, slave... what has become of the Deep Power Stones?

They disappeared after Sally and I used them to destroy the Doomsday Device.

The Stones themselves are gone.

Where is Knothole Village located?

I see...well then, I suppose there really is only one more question to ask.

think I've almost got it.
Sally-girl.

But maybe there's a better way

Hurry Bunnie
I don't even want to *think* of what
they might be doing to Sonic

What do you mean?

Urk sorry Sally-girl
I'm goin as fast as I can

Remember before?
These bolt-brains still think they're
servin' Robotnik, not Snivley.
I'm willin' to bet, y'all put your mind to it.
Sally-girl, if we can use that to get outta here!

They think Snivley is Robotnik.

I... don't know

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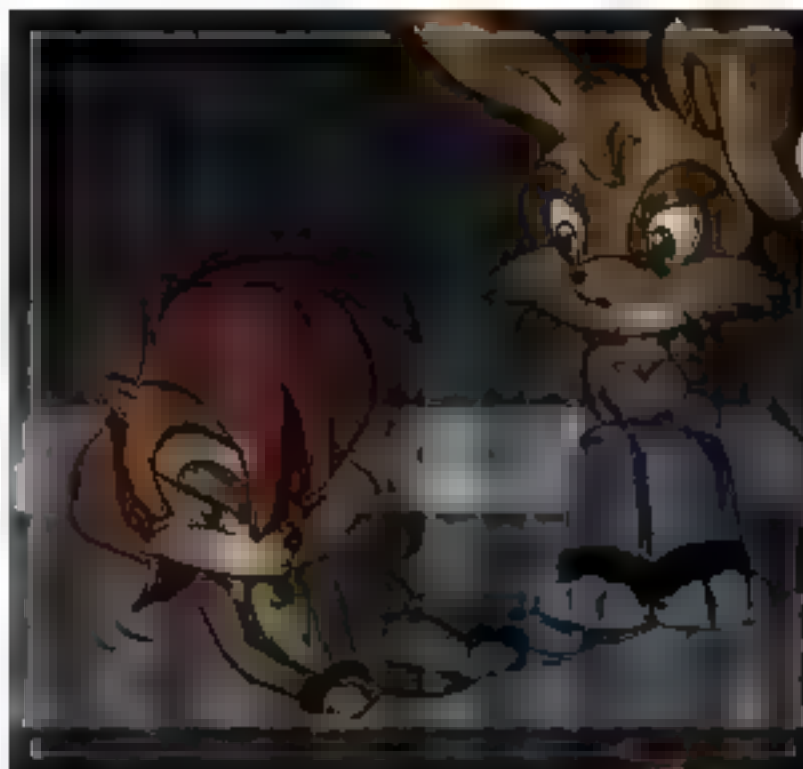
Sally-girl? Y'all OK?

Yes, fine.
Just thinking, that's all.

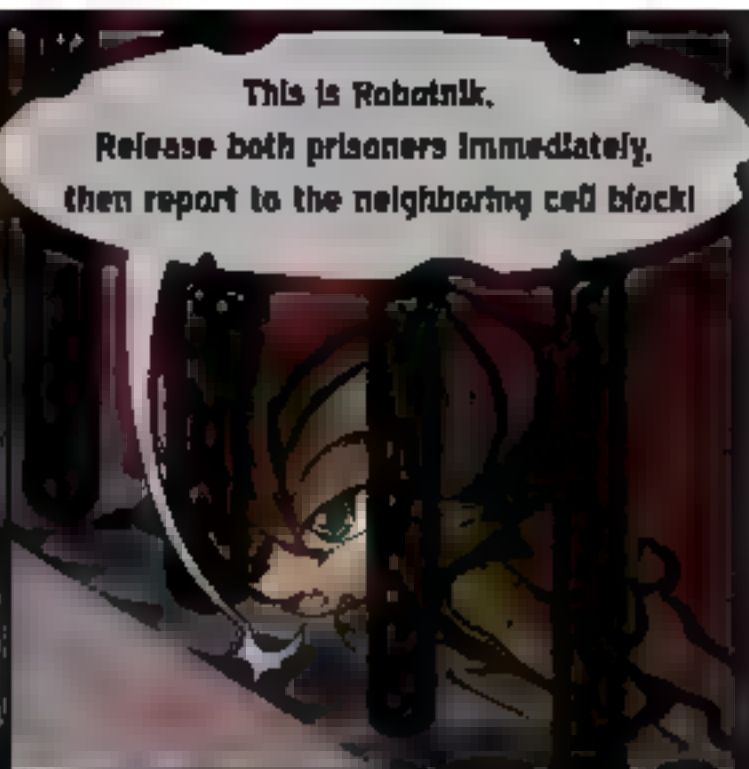
Loud noise detected. investigating cause.

HEY! COME OVER HERE!

Cross your fingers, Bunnie



This is Robotnik.
Release both prisoners immediately.
then report to the neighboring cell block!



At your command, Doctor Robotnik.



realized he must have adjusted
their audio receptors instead!
all he'd need to do is alter his voice a little,
and they'd hear him as Robotnik.

Shoot, Sally-girl,
how'd you pull that off?



Deduction.

There's no way Snivley could've programmed
the SWATBots to see him as Robotnik,
and since they recognized Sonic,
I knew for sure their visual systems
weren't tampered with.



Ha-ha

Now that's more like it!

Now, slave, answer me this:
where is Knothole Village located?

In...

In...

Yes? YES?

He's...urgh...he's resisting me!

My...my spell is wearing off!

No! NO! Hurry, get the location!

N...

In your DREAMS, needle-nose!

No...my powers...
they're too weak in this dimension.

Naugus!

Naugus, get up, you lazy, useless...freed
will have the location of Knothole!

Not today ya won't, baldy!

CRASH

CLICK

rattle
RATTLE

CLICK

Thank goodness you're OK!

Naturally
Bal-Boy never had a chance
of crackin' this shell!

Yeah, well.
what say we mosey on outta here
before all our shells get cracked?

Sounds like a plan!

I imagine *this* is a refreshing change of pace, huh, Sar?
You savin' me for a change?

Not that I *needed* to be saved,
mind you, but...

Sar?

Just keep moving, Sonic.

Blasted rodents!
How did they escape from the cell?
I had the perfect plan, *PERFECT!*

How, how *HOW?*

they figured out my modification
to the SWATBot's audio receiver!

Heh, your weakness is the same as Robotnik's,
you trust too much in your feeble-minded technology.

Grrrrrr...

I knew that quick-fix was no
substitute for a full reprogramming!

Blast, blast, *BLAST!!!*

Don't start with me,
you washed up wizard!!!

Unless...

What in th' heck was Naugus doin' here?
I thought he couldn't leave the Void
without goin' all shiny on us...

Long story, Bunnie.

Yeah? Well what's he helpin' Shively for?
I thought he *hated* Robotnik...

Dunno, but from the sounds of it
he's got some sorta deal with Needlenose.

Then our troubles just got a whole lot worse.



Déjà vu, huh?



If only...
I'd much rather still be at that party than...
than where we stand now.

Man, Sal, I've seen ya bad,
but I've never seen ya *this* bad.



sigh

I'd rather you didn't
see me bad at all...

C'mon, what's got ya so upset?
So Snivley beat us to the punch
in settlin' up shop in Robotropolis, big deal.



We'll manage, right?
We did with Robotnik, didn't we?

That's the whole problem, Sonic!
We beat Robotnik!



This war was supposed to be over!
We were supposed to have won!

Whoa, sorry, Sal...



No, I'm sorry, I didn't mean to snap like that.
It's just...



The SWATBots should be fully reprogrammed soon.

Those pesky Freedom Fighters will not elude us so easily next time...

Do not be so sure.
They are a resourceful group.
The Quickstar in particular is quite...

troublesome...

That's why I have you, Naugus,
or at least I thought it was...

My failure today is frustrating...for both of us.
It seems I have overestimated my powers
without Sanctuary to augment them.

Still, I believe I have a solution...

Oh?

You spoke of the Deep Power Stones before...
but I know of another magical power even greater than theirs.

They are known as... *Chaos Emeralds*...



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